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By nine o'clock most of our legion, scattered over the week-end, had reassembled, and we had a short briefing session, before moving on to routine Bank and Fund meetings.

We had another briefing at 12:30. I ran into Señor Lafer in the lobby--he is much disturbed over the recent election in Chile, where Peron's friend--to almost everyone's surprise--was elected President. This morning, the local papers carried the news that General Naguib has taken over the Government in Egypt, and that there was a near revolution in Colombia. Turbulence as usual.

At 1:30, John gave his annual lunch for the Latin Americans. It took place at the Bankers Club and was [redacted] pleasant, with only one speech, and that a contribution by John, containing lots of meat and [redacted] well written and delivered. An impromptu and affectionate response was made by Chairman Lafer.

This afternoon, we went to a huge reception at the University Club, with Mr. Richardson, head of the National City Bank in Mexico, as host. Tonight we dined with Mr. and Mrs. Ivar Rooth at El Parador restaurant. He is managing director of the Fund. His wife and he are Swedish and both are attractive.

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